

for the document to be printed utilizing a print management system and a computerized policy stored on a computer device; determining a protection level to be applied to the document based on the determined forgery protection requirements; selecting a printer from a plurality of printers that can print the document; and based on a determined protection level, printing at least one watermark on the document that corresponds to the determined protection level using the selected printer.

The Applicants continue to assert that Stefik fails to disclose a document forgery protection printing method, comprising (in part) a computerized policy stored on a computer device. Stefik teaches a usage rights language, that is not a computerized policy, which determines forgery protection requirements for the document, but instead, is a machine-readable language based on grammar (Appendix A of Stefik). Furthermore, Stefik discloses that the owner writes the digital work and assigns the usage rights including a print right, which specifies watermark information (Fig. 5, Step 501). Therefore, it is the owner of the digital work that determines and enters the forgery protection requirement for the document as part of the usage writes language. Thus, there is no computerized policy stored on the computer device that determines the forgery protection requirements for the document to be printed as disclosed in the present invention.

The present invention, similar to Stefik, does teach that each document to be printed may also have a security level embedded in it, attached to it or otherwise associated with it, that the print management system can use to identify this specific combination of protection techniques needed to detect and/or deter potential forgery (page 4, lines 14-17). However, the present invention, in addition, teaches that the computer policy is programmable and may be adapted to the particular requirements of the organization that operates, owns or uses the network. Additionally, the computer policy may be programmed to assign a protection level, or levels, for every authorized user of the network or for every computer of the network (page

4, lines 17-21). Therefore, the computer policy determines the protection requirements for the document to be printed by identifying the user that enters the print command and/or the computer that sends the print job (page 4, lines 31-33).

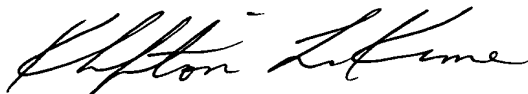
The present invention also teaches that the computer policy may also conduct a search of the content of the document to determine the required protection level. For example, the search could be a keyword search or a key phrase search of the document. Thus, the protection requirements of the document could be dependent on the number of occurrences of various ones of the keywords or key phrases (page 5, lines 1-5). Again, Stefik does not teach, or suggest, this attribute.

Because Stefik does not anticipate or suggest each and every feature of claims 1 and 10, in particular, a computer policy, Stefik cannot anticipate or suggest the subject matter of claims 2-9, which depend from claim 1, and the subject matter of claims 11-17, which depend from claim 10, at least for the reasons discussed with respect to claims 1 and 10 and for the additional features recited therein. Thus, the pending claims are patentable over Stefik. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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